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SUBJECT: WTDR-FTI TRADE LIST PROGRAMS: COMBINED WTD/FTI REPORTING
DOCUMENT, ITEM 22, NAMES OF PREPARERS.

REF: 1. --2069 MAR 25 1975

2. A-881 FEB 10 1975

1. THE SAMPLE WTDR TRANSMITTED VIA A-2069 CONTAINS IN ITEM 22
THE NAMES OF THE PREPARING AND APPROVING EMPLOYEES. AP-
PARENTLY THE NAMES OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPORT ARE
MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PURCHASER.

2. IF THIS IS THE CASE IT IS A SUBSTANTIAL DEPARTURE FROM
PREVIOUS PRACTICE BY THE DEPARTMENT AND AT VARIANCE WITH
LOCAL CREDIT RATING PROCEDURE . DESPITE THE STATEMENT THAT
THE REPORT IS SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE AT LEAST ONE CASE HAS
OCCURRED IN THE PAST AT THIS POST WHEN A U.S. EXPORTER HAS
MADE AVAILABLE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE WTDR TO A FINNISH FIRM
IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY HIS REFUSAL TO DO BUSINESS.

3. IF THE REPORT MAKES AN ADVERSE FINDING ON A FIRM, MIGHT
NOT SUCH FIRM CONSIDER LEGAL ACTION AGAINST THE PREPARER?
AN AMERICAN EMPLOYEE COULD BE PROTECTED BY DIPLOMATIC
IMMUNITY OR TRANSFER BUT MOST REPORTS ARE PREPARED BY
LOCAL EMPLOYEES. THERE IS ALSO THE CONSIDERATION THAT
BANKING SOURCES OF INFORMATION MAY BE RELUCTANT TO PRO-
VIDE INFORMATION IF THEY FIND THAT THEIR EMBASSY CONTACT
IS IDENTIFIED IN THE REPORT PREPARED.

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4. BEFORE ANALYZING AT GREATER LENGTHS THE PROBLEMS THAT

MAY BE ENCOUNTERED BY FORWARDING TO WTDR USERS THE NAMES OF THE PREPARERS, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED WHETHER IT IS INDEED THE PRACTICE TO MAKE THESE NAMES AVAILABLE TO THE PURCHASERS.

5. THE EMBASSY HAS, OF COURSE, NO OBJECTION TO SUBMITTING THE NAMES OF THE PREPARERS TO THE DEPARTMENT IF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT PASSED ON TO THE PURCHASER.
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